

Applicants have also amended the drawing sheet that includes FIG. 2. Element 3, which originally included the text "PARALLEL-SERIAL INTERFACE CIRCUIT" now additionally includes the text "(including check bit producer)". Element 7, which originally included the text "SERIAL-PARALLEL INTERFACE CIRCUIT" now additionally includes the text "(including error detector)". These specified additions of text are the only changes made to the identified drawing sheet. This addition does not amount to the addition of new matter, as "a check bit producer" and "an error detector" were disclosed in the application as originally filed in at least claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, and 25, but not illustrated in Figure 2.

In light of the amendments provided above and the arguments offered in support thereof, applicant suggests that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or requires clarification of any of the above points, the Examiner is to contact the undersigned attorney so that this application may continue to be expeditiously advanced.

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